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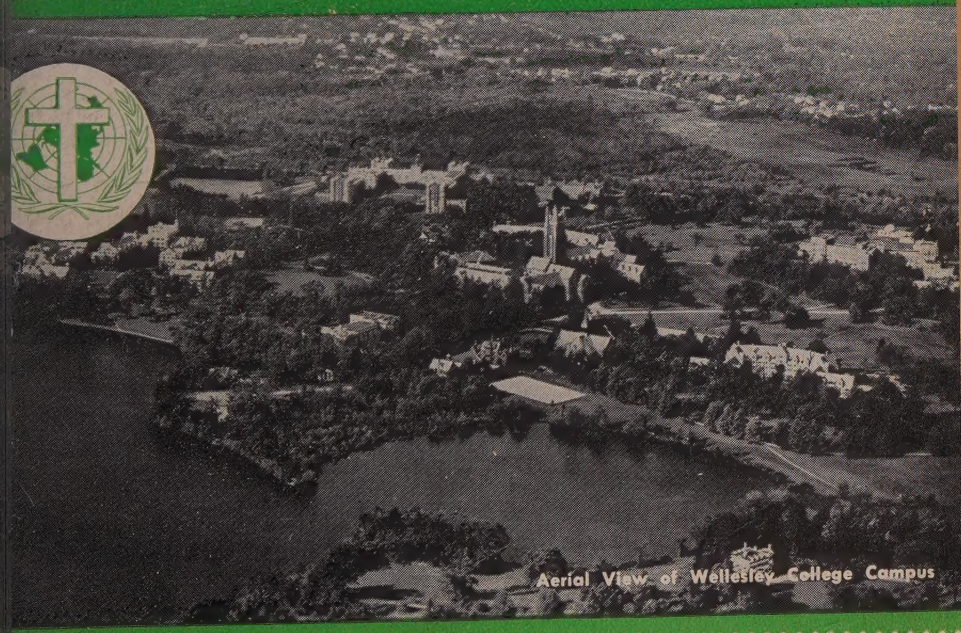

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The Committee takes this opportunity of expressing its gratitude and pride in the cooperation of the churches and individuals of our fellowship who have carried this project through to its triumphant conclusion.

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**The more than twenty thousand individuals** whose gifts have made up the total sought and achieved.

On our own behalf and on behalf of the 966 remaining members of the Original Plan of the Annuity Fund for Congregational Ministers, we express our profound gratitude.

**The National Unit Plan Committee**
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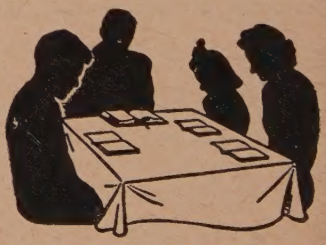

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# THE SIXTH INTERNATIONAL CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

# A VISION REALIZED

**THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES WILL HELP THE PEOPLE OF OUR CHURCHES TO FIND FREEDOM AND FELLOWSHIP THROUGH CHRIST.**

**Frederick L. Fagley**

The Sixth International Council of Congregational churches will meet at Wellesley College, Wellesley, Massachusetts, June 17-24, 1949. The beautiful college buildings will be a perfect setting for a world conference. The sessions will be held in Alumnae Hall, ideal for such a meeting. The delegates and many of the visitors will be housed in the commodious dormitories. The exhibit and bookroom will be adequately taken care of and the gracious and beautiful campus will afford all who attend manifold opportunities for conferences, visits, rest and refreshment.

### THE OPENING SESSION

The opening session on Friday evening, June 17, will be given to a communion service and the Council sermon. The Reverend Leslie Cooke of London, the General Secretary of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, will be the Council preacher. Many Americans will remember Mr. Cooke from his visit to this country a few years ago, and others have met with him in England. He was the pastor of the Congregational Church in Coventry at the time of the terrible blitz and was foremost in leading the people of that stricken city in maintaining themselves through the war and towards recovery. He is one of the strongest younger leaders of world Protestantism.

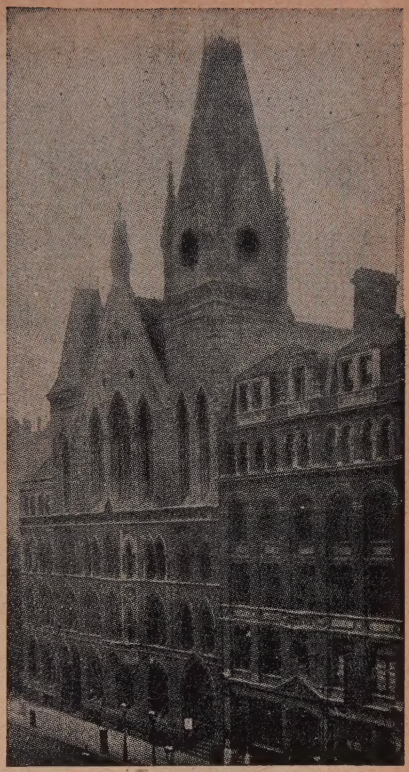
The address on Saturday evening will be given by Sir Oliver Franks, British Ambassador to the United States. Sir Oliver is the son of a Congregational manse and many of his relatives are active in the work of the English churches.

### PREACHER FROM INDIA

The preacher of the Sunday morning worship service will be Bishop Sabapathy Kulandran of India. Bishop Kulandran was a minister of the Congregational churches in India before the Union, and at the Union he was elected as one of the bishops of the United Church. Thus we shall have a Congregational bishop as our preacher in the center of New England. How far and how well we have traveled since that far-off day of fear of bishops!

Then will follow group assemblies under skilled and competent guidance in the afternoon of Sunday, and in the evening the Youth Pageant to which careful training has been given.

The youth group will be a new feature at this Council, as it will bring together youth and youth leaders from many countries. These young people will participate in some of the general sessions and will have also



**The Rev. R. W. Dale, *above*, was President of the first International Council held in Memorial Hall, *right*, in London, Eng. 1891.**

separate sessions for the consideration of topics of particular interest to them and their world — the world of tomorrow.

Among the outstanding world youth leaders are Miss Joyce Mary Davidson of Middlesex; Mr. Eric J. Evans of Surrey, England; and the Rev. Richard J. Hall, Youth Secretary for the Union of England and Wales; Miss Joy Pegler of Scotland; Miss Enid Lewis and Miss Betty James of Australia; Kalewa Saloranta of Finland and Th. Holm-Glad from Norway, Secretary of Youth Work for the Norske Misjonsforbund.

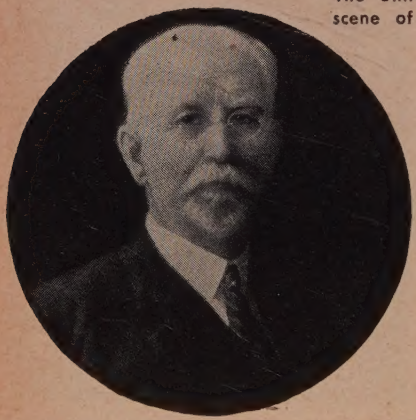
The address Monday evening will be given by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Resident Bishop of the Methodist Church in New York, one of the Presidents of the World Council of Churches. Dr. Oxnam is an outstanding leader of Protestantism at home and abroad.

On Tuesday evening the address will be given by Mrs. Leslie E. Swain of Craigville, Massachusetts, former Moderator of the Northern Baptist Convention, and a member of the Executive Committee of the World Council of Churches. Mrs. Swain has been for years an outstanding leader of church women in America. She is not only a leader of world thought, concerning woman's sphere in the world-to-be, but she is also well-versed in the great movements of thought and action in many lands.

The Wednesday evening meeting will be given to an address by the Reverend Professor Reinhold Niebuhr of Union Theological Seminary, a minister of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Dr. Niebuhr has a high place among the world's great thinkers and writers. His world-wide reputation has been gained by his forthrightness and honesty.

Thursday evening, Sir Alfred Zimmern, who is now directing the widely known Study Center for World Af-

The United Free Church Assembly Hall at Edinburgh, scene of third Council meeting, held in July, 1908.

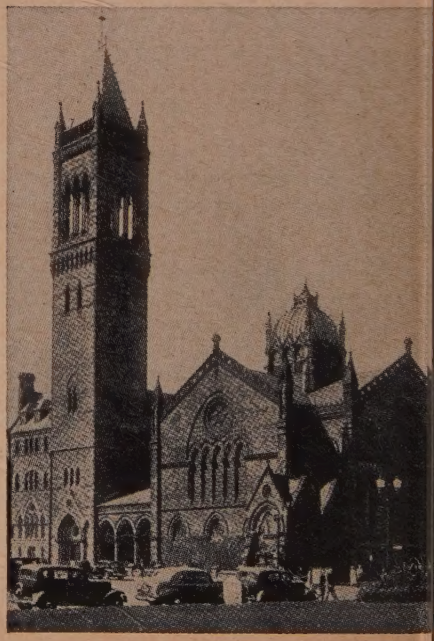


The Rev. James L. Barton, *above*, was President of the 4th Council meeting, held in Old South Church, *right*, Boston, Mass. in 1920.

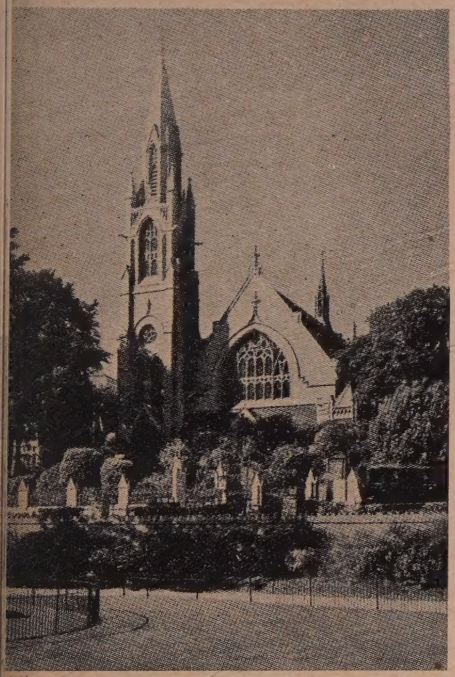
fairs in the United States, at Hartford, Connecticut, will be the speaker, and world affairs, which are in everyone's mind, will be discussed by an authority.

The closing session on Friday morning will be marked by the installation of the moderator elect and the retiring moderator's address. Dr. Sidney M. Berry, the Minister and Secretary of World Congregationalism, is the present Moderator, elected to fill out the term of Moderator J. D. Jones of Bournemouth, whose death since the 1930 Council was a great loss, not only to world Congregationalism but to Protestantism.

Prominent overseas speakers on the program are: The Rev. Charles Sim Duthie, Principal, Scottish Congregational College at Edinburgh — teacher and lecturer; the Rev. Muriel O. Paulden, minister of Berkley Street Congregational Church, Liverpool. Badly damaged during the war, this church is noted as a training

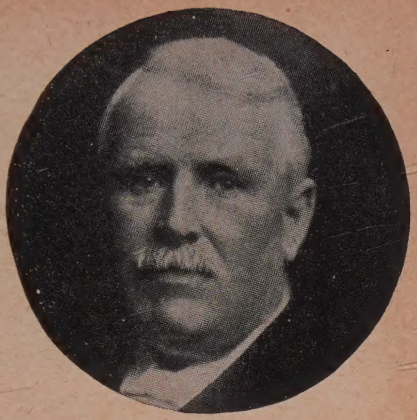


center for Sunday school methods and youth leadership and for the training of women for full-time service in the church. The Rev. Norman Goodall, Secretary International Missionary Council, London, and Editor of *International Review of Missions;* the Rev. Hendrik Johan deKievid, a Minister of the Remonstrant Church, Groningen, Holland; and the Rev. Edward Sidney Kiek of Kent Town, Australia — Principal



of Parkin College, and Vice president of the Australian Section of the World Council of Churches. His wife, the Rev. Winifred Kiek, who accompanies him, was the first woman to be ordained to the Congregational ministry in Australia.

Other well-known delegates from abroad are: Dr. and Mrs. Alexander Cairns of Belfast, North Ireland, and their son, the Rev. Donald J. Cairns.



**The Rev. J. D. Jones, former Moderator of the Council. 1930 Council was held at Richmond Hill Cong. Church, Bournemouth, Eng., *left.***

Dr. Cairns is Secretary of the Congregational Union of Ireland. His son, the Rev. Donald J. Cairns, is an Associate of the Royal College of Music, London. The Rev. Elsie Chamberlain, who is in full charge of our Congregational Church at Kingston, where her husband is in full charge of an Anglican church. Mrs. Chamberlain was the first woman to be appointed a full chaplain to the Royal Air Force, not merely to women in the forces. The Rev. and Mrs. T. Kiat Chiu, who have just completed their first term of service at the Yunnan Mission Field, China. Mr. Chiu attended Fukien Christian University and taught at Foochow College. Mrs. Chiu, the former Katherine Wong, is a native of Canton and the daughter of a Christian doctor. Dr. Irene M. H. McAdam, of Leeds, Yorkshire, is the daughter of a Congregational minister and a Doctor of Medicine. The Rev. John Murray of Cambridge, England, where he is minister of Emmanuel Church, the University Church for all Congregational students. The Rev. William Cecil Northcott, the Home Secretary of the London Missionary

**The Sixth International Council will meet in Wellesley College Alumnae Hall, above. *Right*, Houghton Memorial Chapel, Wellesley, Mass.**

Society, who was at the Amsterdam Assembly where he edited the *Assembly News*. Dr. James D. Northey, President of the Congregational Union of Australia and New Zealand, well-known as a lecturer and teacher. The Rev. John Mills Phillips, of London, Editor of *The Congregational Quarterly*. Lemmitty Salmensaari, a lay delegate from the Free Church of Finland — a civil engineer and a lecturer in the Finland Institute of Technology. The Rev. Sidney Maurice Watts, chairman of the Congregational Union of England and Wales and minister of the Mill Hill Church, London.

### THE NEW COUNCIL

As will be noted below, international Congregationalism has functioned in the past by holding councils in ten-year periods. The 1940 Council was in preparation for that year, but war conditions made it impossible to hold it until this time. The present constitution, however, provides for only a loose continuation committee whose chief duty is the planning for the decennial councils. The time has come, in the judgment of the leaders of Congregationalism, to form a more effective agency for world fellowship and service. To this end a new constitution has been drafted and circulated in Congregational churches throughout the world. It will be presented at this Wellesley Council and if adopted international Congregationalism will be on an entirely new basis.

The proposed constitution provides for an international office to be maintained in London, supported by contributions from the Congregational churches of the world. This office will have a general secretary who will also have the title of Minister and an adequate staff. Dr. Sidney M. Berry is Acting Secretary and the office is in operation. The Council,

when established under the new constitution, will have a general ministry to Congregational bodies in all the world and will also enable the Congregational churches of the world to make a united testimony in World Council circles.

### THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

The first International Council of representatives of the churches was held at Memorial Hall, London, in July 1891. The Rev. R. W. Dale, the eminent leader of English Congregationalists, was the President of the Council. In opening the meeting he said, "This Memorial Hall was erected as a memorial of the first Separatists who left the Established Church and suffered miserably for their courageous fidelity to the principles which it is our glory to inherit." Continuing, he said, "Exactly 300 years ago, in 1591, Barrow and Greenwood were imprisoned in the Fleet Prison, part of the site of which is occupied by the Hall in which we are meeting. The churches we represent have a common polity; and that polity has its roots in the central contents of the Christian faith."

This first Council included delegates from all parts of the British Isles, the British Colonies, Canada, Australia, South Africa, Japan, China, India, Austria, Denmark, Holland, Russia, Sweden and the United States of America.

### THE ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT

The first suggestion for such a council was made by an American, Dr. Hastings Ross, long a leader in our land, who in *The Congregational Quarterly* in 1874 proposed "an Ecumenical Council of Congregational Churches." This proposal was later supported by the Australian churches and after seventeen years of preparation this first Council was held in London. Since that date four other world Councils have been held — Boston in 1899; Edinburgh in 1908; Boston in 1920; Bournemouth in 1930.

The records of the proceedings and the papers presented at these Councils provide a rich source of information for anyone who wishes to know the mind and purpose of our widely scattered Congregational churches. The Councils dealt with affairs within and without the church — great world movements for religious freedom, for the rights of working men, the function of secular as well as of religious education, the economic order and race relations. The movement toward world peace and national cooperation received much attention. As the decades passed there is preserved in the records of proceedings of these Councils a vivid picture of the changing emphases and points of view that have marked the more than half century since that first great Council in 1891. A small book on this subject entitled *International Congregationalism* by Albert Peel and Douglas Horton is presently to be published by the Independent, London, and distributed in this country by the Pilgrim Press.

### DELEGATES AND VISITORS FROM AMERICA

There will be seventy-five official delegates and the same number of alternates from American churches. These will be named by each State Conference and from the Boards and Agencies. In addition provision is made for Accredited Visitors to the number of one thousand. Information as to procedure in securing accreditation has been sent to all pastors. Additional information may be secured from the Committee on Arrangements, 110 East 29th Street, New York 16, N. Y. Inquiries as to rooms, board or other matters should also be sent to this office.

*Dr. Fagley is Secretary Emeritus of the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches.*

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# OUR SERVICE COMMITTEE

*"To implement the profound Christian concern of our people for providing relief and promoting physical, moral, and spiritual rehabilitation."*

Edgar H. S. Chandler
Emerson G. Hangen

The Congregational Christian Service Committee has been an arm of our denomination's relief and reconstruction program since 1943. Four years after its inception it came under the oversight of the Executive Committee of the General Council, with the membership of its board of directors being made up of six members from each of the three major boards of the denomination — the American Board for Foreign Missions, the Board of Home Missions, and the Council for Social Action — a total of eighteen members. At the same time the committee was incorporated under the laws of the State of New York for the specific purpose of holding title to the headquarters building, the International Service Centre at 110 East 29th Street, New York City.

After some years of experience, it seemed to many people that since the main part of the Service Committee's activity was in countries overseas, it would be a natural development for the Service Committee to be more closely affiliated with the American Board for Foreign Missions. For 139 years the American Board has been operating mission stations all over the world, and has developed extremely valuable skills and techniques and accumulated a wealth of experience concerning overseas projects of many different types. Furthermore, the American Board itself, from time to time during the years, has had its own service activities. To merge the skills thus gained with the younger but more specific experience of the Service Committee seemed natural.

The Service Committee has always been engaged in short term, mobile, emergency types of operation, whereas the American Board's appointments have usually been of longer duration. To make such short term appointments a part of the total mission program of the churches seems particularly appropriate.

### AN INCLUSIVE ENTERPRISE

More and more we are coming to realize that the missions enterprise is one which includes the home church, the state work, the national missions, the overseas missions, and the service committee activities. This is all part of the world mission of the church; consequently the Service Committee is now an integral part of the American Board, although in a different status from the other Board subcommittees, for the Service Committee still retains its corporate status, and maintains separate offices in New York City, a convenient vantage-point for the kind of activities it has been carrying on.

We must bear in mind that most church-related agencies, such as ours, have been moving away from a program of direct material aid and have been putting increasing emphasis on spiritual rehabilitation and reconstruction. The material aid is still necessary, to be sure, but unless we bring to people the spiritual resources for living which restore faith, hope and courage to them, all the material gifts, however helpful at the moment, are simply a never-ending stream of aid poured down a bottomless drain.

### THE IMPELLING MOTIVE

To meet the basic need is the impelling motive that has inspired our young people who have been working in Great Britain for some years now. These workers go to England on a one year's appointment — and not to dole out food and clothing. The British are not looking nor asking for that kind of help. What these young people are doing is much more strategic and vital — they are helping to rebuild the church life of Great Britain, and although there are only a few such workers, the mere fact that any of our young people are there is an encouragement to all the churches. The people in the British churches know that at certain strategic spots American youths are giving a year of their lives because they are impelled by a Christian concern. The psychological and the spiritual value to the church life of Great Britain of such unselfish and devoted service is beyond measure.

### INTERNATIONAL CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

The Committee is also interested in developing closer relations with the International Congregational Council. For some months now, one member of the staff has been in charge of arranging the itineraries of the delegates who will be coming from abroad to the International Council meeting at Wellesley in June. Service Committee activities have naturally developed considerable "know-how" among the staff members on such matters as problems relating to passports, customs regulations, and transportation, and this knowledge is now being utilized to good advantage. When Dr. Sidney M. Berry, the Secretary of the International Congregational Council, was in this country last fall, he expressed a hope that there would develop an increasingly close connection between his organization and the Service Committee of our churches. Dr. Berry saw the Service Committee in action among the churches of Great Britain during the last years when he was Secretary of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, and he perceives clearly how closely the two agencies can work together.

In carrying on its work, the Committee is guided by the preamble to the Congregational Christian Service Committee Constitution:

1. "To implement the profound Christian concern of our people for providing relief; promoting physical, moral, and spiritual rehabilitation; and effecting reconciliation among the members of a broken body of mankind where community has deteriorated through war or other social disasters.

2. "To work in areas of critical need, regardless of race, class, creed, or nationality toward alleviating human distress through a mobile short-term emergency service."

For the Staff Members of the Service Committee conceive of themselves as the servants of the churches, and their aim is to fulfill the purposes here set forth. It is a vital part of *Our Christian World Mission.*

*Mr. Chandler is Executive Secretary of our Congregational Christian Service Committee; Mr. Hangen is Chairman of the Board of our Congregational Christian Service Committee.*

*Photo by William Dunn.*

# A HOME *at the Crossroads*

**THE INTERNATIONAL SERVICE CENTRE OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES WELCOMES GUESTS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND ALL CORNERS OF THE GLOBE.**

**Virginia Droms**

Six blocks up Fourth Avenue from the denominational headquarters, and half a block east on Twenty-ninth Street, visitors to New York will find "the old brownstone with the new face," and upon reading the sign over the door, will discover that it is The International Service Centre of the Congregational churches. The origin and development of this Service Centre make an interesting story.

In May, 1946, the Board of Home Missions deeded the buildings at 110-112 East 29th Street to The Congregational Christian Service Committee. A house committee composed of representatives of the Service Committee and the Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction, with the help of several members of the Board of Home Missions, undertook the task of remodeling these two old brownstone buildings and making them into a centre which would provide the Service Committee with office and warehouse space, the Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction with additional office space, and which would satisfy the denominational need for a guest house in New York. The offices were ready in September of 1947 and on the 22nd of that month they became the International Service Centre.

### REPRESENTATIVE GUESTS

On the 23rd of September, seven Service Workers left for a year's work in Britain, and their going marked the beginning of activity in the new and permanent headquarters of the Service Committee. By December of 1947, the hostel was ready for its first guests and they have been arriving from all corners of the globe. China, Japan, India, Africa, the Philippines, the Netherlands, France, Switzerland, Italy, England, Turkey,

It is safe to say that the meeting of the International Congregational Council at Wellesley this June will be the greatest in the history of World Congregationalism. The speakers are among today's leading religious thinkers. The delegates come from thirty-three different nations. What could be more important for these times than a meeting of free men and women — and youth — consecrated to Jesus Christ, called together from all the world to organize their strength for the service of humanity? — *Douglas Horton.*

Scotland, Ireland, and the United States have all appeared in the guest book as home countries of one or more of the guests.

### CONVENIENT HEADQUARTERS

Beginning on March 31 of this year, the International Congregational Council began to use the Centre as its American headquarters office. Here, travel aid is being given and speaking engagements and housing arrangements are being made for visitors from overseas to the Council's meeting at Wellesley.

The spirit of the hostel reaches out to New York harbor, and guests coming in from overseas will find someone from the Centre at the pier to greet them, help with customs, and finally guide them to their temporary home. Once at the Centre they will be welcomed by a resident hostess, shown to a room, given a key to the front door and invited to have an evening cup of tea in the lounge with the rest of the guests.

All guests are urged to use the lounge as if it were the living room of their own home, and for the more

Young people are welcome at the International Service Centre, *below*. *Right*, Pilgrim Fellowship group from Wakefield, Mass. visits the Centre.

ambitious ones, there is a kitchen for preparing meals and a dining room where other's delicacies may be sampled.

### WILLING ASSISTANCE

One of the chief objectives of the Centre is to help guests become acclimated to the American way of life. A Greek professor, who arrived at the Centre with five hundred books, needed help in shipping them to Missouri. Another guest from India, who firmly believed that American banking was a great mystery, was greatly relieved to find that his check could be cashed without difficulty in the Service

**All guests are urged to use the lounge, *above*, as if it were the living room of their own home. *Right*, one of the group dormitories.**

Committee office. Directions on how to find one's way around Manhattan are given a dozen times a day. These types of assistance are all a part of the spirit which makes the Service Centre the home of an international family. Guests stay for a few days, weeks or months. When they leave, they take happy memories of the Centre with them.

The Centre has guests other than those from overseas. Young people going to summer work camps remain

at the Centre while in New York; service workers make it a stopover before leaving for the field and upon their return to the States; Board members attending meetings in the city make the Centre their headquarters. Many group meetings are held in the lounge or in the conference room, and often meals are served right there, so that meetings may be continued without the time-consuming intermission for lunch or dinner outside.

**At the Service Centre, the dining room, *below*, is a chief point of interest, and like the kitchen, *bottom*, is open to all guests.**

**The Moderator announces that anyone who was present at the Special Meeting of the General Council, February 4 and 5, 1949, at Cleveland who wishes to have a copy of the Minutes or a copy of *Questions and Answers* concerning the Merger, issued April 27, 1949, may write to the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches, Room 915, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York 10.**

It is hoped that more individuals and groups of young people, who come to New York to visit the United Nations, will stay at the Centre. The normal capacity is nineteen, but if larger groups plan to visit the city, and make their reservations far enough in advance, it is possible to accommodate thirty young people. Guests make their own beds, and are charged $2.00 a night per person.

### A HOME IN NEW YORK

Members of the Service Committee staff often hear guests say, "Oh, but you don't know how much it means to be able to stay here." To denominational representatives it is a place where they can stay when they have to be in New York, and where they can be reasonably sure of a room for the night, to missionaries it means a dwelling place while they are on furlough, for the Centre is not really a hotel, nor is it a hostel. It is — as one guest described it — a "home away from home."

*M s Droms is Administrative Secretary of our Congregational Christian Service Committee.*

*Photos by William Dunn.*

# *As we sow — so shall we reap*

***Parcels of shoes and clothing, cans of food — small sacrifices but vital forces in combating cold, malnutrition and despair.***

**Louise G. Dunn**

There goes the army of peace, row on row, alike as G.I.'s swinging down Fifth Avenue or Main Street — the checks, clothing and food you have given our Congregational Christian Service Committee to fight the battle for peace on a foreign front.

Those were my thoughts as I watched your gifts being processed and shipped on their mercy errands. Do you know what happens to your contributions, these soldiers that combat cold, malnutrition and despair? If you could see with what efficiency and dispatch they are handled by the Service Centre staff, and how they are given the same loving care in processing that you gave in picking and packing them, you would marvel — as I did.

At the Service Centre at 110 East 29th Street, New York City, your checks are part of the vast paper work of our army. No piece of paper is more appreciated here; they may be paper soldiers, but they pack a punch heard 'round the world. Each parcel of clothing received is weighed, examined and put into condition; the shoes are repaired and the cans of food are assembled.

This army is "more than conqueror" of hunger, hopelessness and pestilence. If you could read — as I did — letters from the grateful recipients you would experience a glow for a job well done, for true appreciation adds zest to giving. What matter if some be scrawled on heterogeneous scraps of paper, hardly decipherable and couched in the idiom of a foreign tongue. The feeling be-

## *Summer Edition of Daily Devotions*

The Editorial Committee is happy to announce that the Summer issue of *Daily Devotions*, available May 1, will contain a series on the "Twenty-third Psalm" by Dr. Gaius Glenn Atkins, for many years author of *The Fellowship of Prayer;* Dean Luther A. Weigle has contributed a series for Religious Education Week; and a group of writers has collaborated on a series on Spiritual Health. Separate meditations will be grouped, when possible, to preserve a continuity of thought. "The Daily Service for the Home," which has appeared on the last page, is replaced by a series of prayers suitable for use at the family table. The Committee invites constructive suggestions for making *Daily Devotions* of wider use and greater inspiration.

The checks received daily at the Social Centre are vital factors in winning our battle for peace. *Above,* Virginia Droms, Administrative Secretary of the Congregational Christian Service Committee, is pleased to find contributions in the day's mail. These and such food parcels as those pictured, *right,* help immensely in relief work.

about our lovely tea. We all enjoyed the pineapple, which we were told had been sent to us from America. Some of us hadn't tasted it before and we thought it was delicious. We played games after tea and as we were going home the boys were given some sweets and toys. They were 'super.'"

Thanks for gifts of "eat-things" comes from an eighteen-year-old fraulein. In her own words:

"We have got your pretty parcel and thank you very much for it. Our whole family has been astonished to become such a pretty, beautiful parcel from good American people. We all have been standing around if mother has open the parcel. With sparkling eyes have we looked at all this fine eat-things. We have had many plaisir. All the things have tasted good. . . .

"Germany is a poor country. But we hope that it will soon get better. Why we cannot do anything for you, we will think off you each Sunday in the church. This letter comes to you with our good wishes and with our prayers for your health and comfort. Now I will finish my letter and I where very proud if you did write me a letter back. Heaps of love."

And so go forth our couriers of hope on their journey of joy, spread-

hind the words is universal, knowing no race nor creed — gratitude from the bottom of humble hearts.

### LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

Testifying to your discrimination in choosing the gifts, the words constantly used in these grateful letters are, "You seem to know exactly what we need," and for the care given by the Service Committee in packing the parcels, is the expression, "They arrived in perfect condition."

Sprinkled through the letters is the bold writing of a child — poignant and refreshing, from a British boy of ten, who, with his generation was denied the foods we consider commonplace:

"I thought you might like to hear

ing their influence for good and making the difference between a bleak future and one of promise for a better world. God speed our army of peace . . . our soldiers of Christ.

"Soldiers of Christ, arise, and put
your armor on,
Strong in the strength which God
supplies thro' his eternal Son.
Strong in the Lord of Hosts, and
in his mighty pow'r,
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts,
is more than conqueror."

*Mrs. Dunn is Associate Secretary of Relief and Reconstruction of our Missions Council.*

*Photos by William Dunn and Somach Photo Service.*

Each parcel of clothing received from our church friends is weighed, examined and put into condition, the shoes are repaired, and the food items are assembled. Above, Service Committee worker prepares clothes for shipment overseas. Left, another worker boxes shoes at the Congregational Christian Service Committee warehouse. These too, will be shipped overseas.

## *Call to Annual Institute of Race Relations*

To plan the "how" and "what" of human rights, the Race Relations Department of the American Missionary Association announces its sixth Institute of Race Relations. Held annually at Fisk University, this year's Institute will open on June 27 for two weeks, running through July 9, and will concentrate on the social and political implications of human rights. Dr. Charles S. Johnson, President of Fisk, will direct the proceedings.

Now in its sixth year, the Institute has graduated some 500 students from most states throughout the country. Enrollment is open to civic and religious leaders, social workers, students and teachers, leaders of labor, industry and government, members and staffs of local human relations groups, and interested lay-citizens. The Institute is unique both in its geographic setting and social composition. It draws persons of all races and creeds, from all sections of the country, in all areas of professional interest. Here, in the deep South, they live, study and think together that democracy may work.

# PILGRIM FRONTIER

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### ECHOES FROM "ONE GREAT HOUR"

The reports from the churches indicating the amounts contributed to Relief and Rehabilitation on March 27, following the nation-wide broadcast on the previous evening, are as yet only partial. Some churches have not forwarded their money to the Conference office, as this is written, but have reported on amounts.

The first thirty-nine churches reporting gave $9,982.74. The largest was $2,368.46 from Long Beach First and the next was $1,758.57 from our Claremont Church. One of the most encouraging facts was the generous response among our smaller churches whose per capita giving exceeded that of the larger churches.

Several churches who did not participate in this world-wide appeal on March 27 directed their Easter offering to this cause. Many of the churches asked that their offerings be "over-and-above" gifts and not to apply, therefore, on their regular benevolence apportionment total. Every church, however, will be given full credit in the 1949 statistics.

To insure our full share in the denominational task for relief and rehabilitation we shall need to utilize other great days in the church calendar for special giving, such as World Communion Sunday in October, Thanksgiving Sunday in November and Christmas Sunday in Dec.

Congratulations to all of our churches who gave so generously and unselfishly.

### SIXTH INTERNATIONAL CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

The Sixth International Congregational Council will be held in Wellesley, Mass., June 17-24, 1949. American Congregationalism will be host to representatives from Congregational churches and organizations throughout the world.

In order that the conference may not be overshadowed by American participation, the number of official delegates from the United States is limited to seventy-five. Our conference is entitled to one official lay delegate. Ample provisions are being made for accredited visitors who will have the privilege of the floor except that of voting.

Superintendent Nelson C. Dreier expects to attend the sessions since he and his family will drive East on their vacation at that time.

No doubt many this fall will have an opportunity to hear a report from one who attended the sessions and who participated in the discussions and unusual fellowship afforded by this world-wide gathering.

### THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH IS IMPORTANT

"We may yet live to see," writes Arnold Toynbe, the historian, "our civilization being saved, in spite of itself, from a fatal fall by being caught up in the arms of the Christian Church which it has vainly tried to push away and keep at arm's length."

### AUTHORS AMONG OUR MINISTERS

In the February number of *The Minister's Quarterly,* published by The Department of the Ministry of the Congregational Christian Churches, the Rev. Philip E. Gregory, minister of our Laguna Beach Church, had a poem, "Jesus, Friend, So Kind and Gentle."

In the same issue was a three-page article on "Freedom and Responsibility" by the Rev. Richard W. Ingle of our Calipatria Church.

The Rev. Walter A. Mueller, Minister of Education in the first Congregational Church of Los Angeles, has written a very informative article on "Weddings in the Church" for the April number of *Advance.*

"There are three chapels and the main sanctuary at First Church," he states, "where weddings may be performed, depending upon the desires of the family and the number of guests. No charge for these facilities is made to church members; nonmembers pay nominal fees.

"During the month of June there will be sixty weddings performed at the First Congregational Church in Los Angeles, an average of two every day, due largely to the courtesy and efficiency of the Wedding Department. This department was started by the Rev. James W. Fifield, Jr., shortly after he became minister of the church fourteen years ago."

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### CHURCH OF THE PILGRIMS DEDICATION

Two years ago the first unit of a new church plant, a chapel, was dedicated by the Church of the Pilgrims in North Hollywood.

On April 8 of this year the second unit, a social hall and church school unit, was dedicated, "The John H. Warner Hall." John H. Warner, father of the minister, the Rev. Eugene L. Warner, and Horace Stinson did most of the work on the addition.

Supt. Nelson C. Dreier was the guest preacher on Palm Sunday, April 10, when the chapel, with its newly made pews, pulpit, lectern and altar rail, was re-dedicated. The pulpit and lectern were made by Horace Stinson and John H. Warner and were given to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Hansen of Pomona in memory of their son, Franklin Edmund Hansen, who was accidentally killed at the age of 21.

Two years ago the church school had an enrollment of twenty-five; now it is 150, with an average attendance of over 100. Forty new scholars were enrolled in April.

The minister expected to receive forty new members on Maundy Thursday.

### MINISTERS AND WIVES FALL RETREAT

Ministers: Include in your summer vacation plans the period of August 29 to September 1 for the annual fall retreat at Pilgrim Pines for ministers and wives. Prof. Allen Wehrli, of Eden Theological Seminary, will be the chief lecturer, so thoroughly enjoyed two years ago. Set aside this time NOW for the climax of your vacation before September activities in your church begin.

This period of relaxation, fellowship and inspiration has proved most worthwhile and it is hoped that more will plan to include it in the summer schedule.

# *The* Women's Fellowship

### GREETING FROM YOUR NEW PRESIDENT

Dorothy K. Winslow

The annual meeting held in Phoenix was an inspiration to your new president. I accept the responsibilities with deep humility, and promise, with God's help, to fulfill the duties and responsibilities entrusted to me. I hope you will call upon me many times in the future.

Your Co-worker and President,
DOROTHY K. WINSLOW

### "HORIZONS UNLIMITED"

"Horizons Unlimited" was a very appropriate slogan for the Fellowship of Congregational Women of Southern California and the Southwest, as ninety-seven women boarded buses in Los Angeles for Phoenix — four hundred miles away and the geographical center of our Fellowship. Sixty delegates drove their own cars across the desert, some bringing their husbands. Another group came from El Paso, which is the eastern boundary of our Fellowship. From three o'clock Monday afternoon until midnight, the Reception Committee, made up of members of the four Congregational churches of Phoenix, assisted by women from the Tempe Church, were at our headquarters in First Church to welcome us.

The two buses from Los Angeles arrived at 7:30 p.m. after a comfortable ride across the desert which was beautiful with wild flowers.

The lights streamed out from Anthony Hall, silhouetting the Reception Committee in the doorway. After our very efficient drivers had unloaded our luggage, we were seated at decorated tables, and the Drama Club served us a delicious supper. Just as we finished, the third bus arrived from San Diego. After supper, the Registration and Housing Committees took over. We were assigned to our hostesses, and departed with them for the night.

### THE ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday morning at ten o'clock, Mrs. Thos. G. Wight, president, called the meeting to order, and the usual business was transacted. We were very fortunate to have Mrs. Geo. Wilson, Vice-President of The American Board, with us. She gave us the two speeches which she had promised, one on "Why Not Go to Mexico" and later "The American Board, Here and There." Then she generously responded to our request and gave the delegates a very informative talk about the infirmary at Pilgrim Place.

One of the most popular and worthwhile parts of our program was the four seminars, conducted by four of our women. The Women's Gift, Friendly Service, Worship, and The Problems of Presidents were interesting subjects discussed.

#### Speakers from Other Denominations

After dinner the evening meeting was opened by a program of beautiful music, given by the choir of First Church, directed by Mr. Alvin Thomas. Then the Rev. Lawrence Plank of the Unitarian Church of Phoenix opened up new vistas of thought through his address on "The Meaning of the New Israel for our World."

Wednesday morning Miss May Coggins, a Baptist missionary, gave us a very interesting acocunt of home life as lived by a missionary in the Philippines, be she Baptist or Congregationalist.

Highly inspirational devotions were conducted each day by our own members: Mrs. Clarence Parr of Albuquerque on Tuesday, and Mrs. Henry David Gray of South Pasadena on Wednesday.

Our Literature Committee was well represented when Mrs. McElberry told of "Adventures in Reading," which is an outline of directed reading. Mrs. Pockles, our Literature Chairman, gave us a short skit which called attention to the books and pamphlets to be found on her table as well as the books from Pilgrim Press Service.

#### Women's Gift Reaches a New Goal

Mrs. Warner, Friendly Service Chairman, told of the splendid response she has received on the year's quota, reporting gifts amounting to $3,000.

Of course we were all anxious to hear Mrs. Sutherland report on the Women's Gift. We were thrilled when she reported $10,448.00, the largest amount we have ever received. As a result, the women were encouraged to raise our goal of three cents per week to five cents for the ensuing year.

At the close of the session Mrs. Wight summed up the growth and achievements of her three years in office. It is always with regret that we bid farewell to a retiring president, but with each succeeding regime, the Fellowship grows in vision, accomplishment and influence.

#### Sessions at Neighborhood and Tempe

After the luncheon which was served on the shaded lawn of Encanto Church, Mrs. George Herbert Clarke installed the new officers, and the meeting was adjourned by Miss Dorothy K. Winslow, the incoming president.

Our hostesses had planned a trip around the city of Phoenix for the afternoon and a caravan of automobiles set out, directed most efficiently by the Rev. Fred Barnhill who acted as motor escort. After visiting points of interest, we went to the church in Tempe, where the Women's union honored Mrs. Wight at a beautiful tea.

We returned to Neighborhood Church where dinner was served in the school cafeteria. Then the annual meeting was closed with our traditional communion, conducted by Mrs. O. G. Herbrecht, and served by deaconesses from the local churches.

And now the meeting which seemed almost an impossible dream when we began to talk about it two years ago was at an end. We bade farewell to our hostesses, knowing that dreams do come true!

— Dorothy K. Winslow,
*President*

#### OVERHEARD ON THE BUS

"Wonderful cooperation by the churches."

"Such efficient chairmen."

"Inspirational devotions which gave me much to think about."

"Encouraging reports, especially Women's Gift and Friendly Service."

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## SOCIAL ACTION AND DISPLACED PERSONS

George L. Thomas

Are we letting displaced persons down? Reports indicate that the people of the United States are quite a little in arrears in providing for our quota of DP's, the response of Protestants less than that of other faiths and creeds. Now, waiting in DP camps overseas are families having the skills, experience, and ability for which your community could provide opportunity.

### Do You Know That —

DP's are industrious? Displaced persons come from countries where they are accustomed to work hard on the land, in the factories, and in commercial and professional enterprises.

DP's are people with strong family ties? Having lost almost all other ties in the course of the greatest adversity, displaced persons have clung to their most cherished possession, their family life.

DP's are religious? In their camps displaced persons have constructed places of worship and have maintained their own religious leaders and services.

DP's are democratic? They are freedom-loving people. The suffering they have endured under totalitarian rule has reinforced their devotion to democratic ideals.

DP's are an asset? Displaced persons have undertaken many steps to enable themselves to fit better into their new homes. They have devoted much of their camp time to language study and vocational and specialized training. Many have supplemented old skills with one or more new ones. They will make splendid citizens.

ACT NOW! Ask for Assurance Forms from the Conference office. We opened our closets and sent clothing, food, and many other necessary things to the DP's. Now, let's open our hearts and arms to receive those who seek our freedom!

— GEORGE L. THOMAS, *Conference Consultant on Intercultural Relations*

## TOWARD TOLERANCE AND GOODWILL

The Race Relations petition sponsored by a group of Redlands citizens in the interest of just and equal treatment for all racial groups was signed by a total of 2,682 persons. The Redlands Chamber of Commerce recently endorsed this petition and adopted a resolution of its own, urging Redlands merchants and business men to offer their services without discrimination against anyone because of their race, color or creed. Our Redlands First Church took an active part in securing signatures to the petition.

## TRAGEDY COMES TO SAN MARINO CHURCH

When little Kathy Fiscus became entombed in a 95-foot water pipe in San Marino and died before she could be rescued, the sympathy of the nation was aroused for her and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David H. Fiscus. They were among the first charter members to unite with the San Marino Congregational Church on November 21, 1949 and Kathy was enrolled in the kindergarten department of the church school.

The minister, the Rev. Bertrand R. Crist, brought the consolation of our Christian faith to the bereaved family which has been in the prayers of us all.

# *Department of Christian Education*

### CAMPS

A fine spirit prevailed over the weekend of April 1-3 when fifty young people from San Dimas, Highland and Riverside gathered at Pilgrim Pines for a work camp. The immediate purpose was to do some of the big jobs necessary to put the camp into working order for the summer.

Two teams of girls cleaned and re-oiled the entire inside of the dining room and chapel. Another crew repaired and covered mattresses. A third crew of boys made a good start on the pit necessary for the new disposal plant, while a large group assisted in pulling out the trees necessary for the creation of the new playing field and in getting them hauled off the grounds and cutting them up for fire wood. A fifth crew spread fertilizer on both the old and newly acquired apple orchards. This kind of a work camp seemed to be greatly enjoyed by all present and made a fine contribution to the improvement of Pilgrim Pines.

It is to be hoped that other groups may make an opportunity to spend a weekend for similar purposes at the camp in the future.

Plans for all Conference camps are progressing nicely and committees are at work securing the necessary leadership for planning schedules and constructing programs. Interest as indicated at this early date would point toward a large enrollment this summer. Following is the schedule of dates:

*Pilgrim Pines*
- June 20-27 High School
- June 27-July 1 Family Camp
- July 1-4 Young Adult (Single)
- July 4-11 Junior High
- July 11-18 Junior High
- July 25-Aug. 1 Church School Teachers' Institute
- Aug. 1-8 Children's Camp (Grades 5 and 6 only)
- Aug. 8-15 Children's Camp (Grades 5 and 6 only)
- Aug. 15-22 High School
- Aug. 22-29 P. F. L. L.
- Aug. 29-Sept. 1 Ministers and Wives
- Sept. 1-5 Young Adults (Married)
- Sept. 5-12 College Age

*Camp Greenhorn* — Kern
- June 18-25 Junior and Senior High

*Pilgrim Playground* — Arizona
- July 11-18 Junior High
- July 19-28 Senior High

*Camp Thunderbird* — New Mexico
- Aug. 8-15 Junior High
- Aug. 15-25 Senior High

### PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP RALLIES

This is the season for Pilgrim Fellowship rallies. Most of them will give considerable emphasis to camp as well as to plans for finishing out the work of this school year. Arizona Association met at Tucson on April 24. On the same day Mojave was host to the Kern Association rally. Foothill Area met at the Oneonta Church on May 15. San Bernardino Association will gather at San Bernardino on Sunday afternoon, May 22. Northwest Area will meet the same date at La Canada. Southwest Area is scheduled for Western Knoll on Sunday, May 29, and San Diego Association held its rally in the form of a weekend camp, May 6-8, at Camp Cornell near Julian, Calif. Conference officers were scheduled to attend all of these meetings.

Bob Cochran of the Oneonta Church, who is chairman of the Interdenominational Commission, will represent our Conference Pilgrim Fellowship at the Lakeside Religious Education Conference, June 28 to July 1. There is to be a special section for young people's work.

### AT THE WORK CAMP, LE CHAMBON, FRANCE

Miss Elsie Jenkins, daughter of George D. Jenkins, Conference Minister of Christian Education, has just received notice of her being accepted as one of thirty people from the United States to attend a work camp at College Cevenol at Le Chambon, France. This group of thirty was selected from a total of 400 applicants.

This work camp is a special project of our Congregational Service Committee and it was created to help bring into existence the necessary buildings and equipment to house this newly organized Protestant college in France. It represents a unique and positive approach to the problem of international understanding and cooperation among the young people on the continent. It served as a refugee center during the war and now is one of the foundation stones in the long-range reconstruction projects for Europe and particularly for France.

The sending of a young person to this work camp for the summer was accepted by the Conference Pilgrim Fellowship as one of its special projects for this year, and it has designated the necessary finance to pay the expenses of someone from this area. Miss Jenkins will be its official representative.

During two previous summers, Miss Jenkins has served in work camp projects in this country. She was president of the Pilgrim Fellowship for the state of South Dakota and has been very active this year in a college fellowship organization for international understanding. She will sail from New York on June 15 and will return early in September.

Pictures and information about the work camp were presented to the Conference officers and others at a specially called meeting on Sunday evening, April 10, by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sangree, who are the American representatives of the college. They will soon return to France for the summer's work.

### P.F. TEAM GOES TO KERN ASSOCIATION

A team of Pilgrim Fellowship officers comprised of Bob Hagy, Bob Coughran, Jo Ann Weinert, and Pat Capouch, together with the Conference Director, Mr. Jenkins, visited in the Kern Association over the weekend of March 19 and 20. On Saturday evening a planning group was held with the young people of the Bakersfield Church. This was preceded by a potluck dinner and followed by a social hour. Early the next morning they proceeded to Mojave. There was opportunity during the day to get acquainted with the young people, and a fine dinner was served in the evening. This was attended by a fine delegation and the minister from Tehachapi. A planning session followed the dinner.

### TOO MUCH OVERHEAD

Last summer a recreation building was put up at Pilgrim Playground in Arizona, one of our Congregational camps. Money from the Conference Fellowship of Congregational Women helped in this worthy project.

Last winter a record depth of snow collapsed the building. Over the Memorial Day weekend volunteer labor will seek to restore it but considerable expense will be involved.

It had been thought that the camp was run on an economical basis but apparently there has been too much overhead!

## SUMMER CONFERENCES FOR YOUNG ADULTS

### Unmarried Young Adults

A three-day week-end conference from Friday evening, July 1 through noon on Monday, July 4, will be held at Pilgrim Pines Camp for unmarried young adults. College age, those out of school who are working and, in general, all between 18 and 30 are invited to attend this camp.

Courses which will be offered will be: "A Faith for Living," "The Social Implications of the Teachings of Jesus," and "Preparing for Marriage." Dean Robert E. Fitch of Occidental College will be one of the leaders. The Rev. Walter A. Mueller will direct the camp session. Amateur Night will be on Saturday evening. Mr. Mueller will conduct a workshop on plans for young adult groups in the local church.

The cost will be $8.00 for registration, board and room.

### Married Young Adults

The annual conference will be held over the Labor Day weekend, Sept 2 to 5. The Rev. Walter A. Mueller, Chairman of the Young Adult Commission, will direct the camp and conduct the workshop period.

Those who have attended before will be glad to know that Prof. Harland E. Hogue of Scripps College, and Prof. Alvin Haag of Redlands University will each give a series of lectures.

Parents who cannot attend without bringing their children are welcome to do so but, as far as possible, it is recommended that, in order to get the most out of the conference, they leave the children with others.

The cost for the three days will be $8.00 and registrations must be in the conference office by Aug. 15.

See that your church is represented.

Arnold Allan Brown

## RECOGNITION SERVICE

A formal service of recognition for the Rev. Arnold Allan Brown as minister of the San Bernardino Church was held on April 3 at 7:30 P.M.

Participating ministers were: The Rev. Chester Ferris, Rialto; the Rev. Willis E. Smith, Highland; the Rev. Wm. D. Pratt, Redlands; the Rev. Donald W. Head, Ontario; and the Rev. Geo. P. Helliwell, Barstow. Supt. Nelson C. Dreier preached the sermon. A buffet supper and fellowship hour preceded the service.

Mr. Brown came to the San Bernardino Church the last Sunday in January from Durham, N. H. Born in Pittsburgh, Pa., he is a graduate of Yale Seminary and has held four pastorates in Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

His family includes his wife, Betty, and two children, Bonnie Jean, four, and Baird Allan, two.

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### ALBERT W. PALMER TO TEACH THIS FALL

Albert W. Palmer

Dr. Palmer has recently been appointed Lecturer in Religion at the University of Southern California and will begin teaching courses in "The Art of Preaching" in the Graduate School of Religion at the University in September.

His new book, "How Religion Helps," is now available from Pilgrim Press Service at $1.50. He broadcasts each Sunday at 6:45 p.m. over KMPC (710).

### AMONG MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES

Areyzaga, Luis, from the Methodist Church in Mexico City, to El Paso Trinity, Spanish, April 15.

Castello, David, of Guadalajara, Mexico, will represent the Mexican churches as the official delegate to the International Congregational Council at Wellesley, Mass., June 17 to 24; thence to the Pastor's School at Deering, N. H., and to the American Board's international seminar in the East, returning in September.

Petty, A Ray, of Westfield, N. J., has been called to our Community Church of Chula Vista and will begin his duties July 1 or earlier.

Stokes, Lawrence, serving as minister at our Hyde Park Church, Los Angeles, resigned on March 1.

Wright, Miss Margarita, born of missionary parents and a missionary in Spain and Mexico for many years, will resign July 1. Later in the summer she will marry Ralph Cheney, former Y. M. C. A. secretary in Mexico.

# LAYMEN'S PAGE

### CLAREMONT INSTITUTE OF CHURCHMANSHIP

Inasmuch as copy for this issue of The Pilgrim Frontier left the Conference office on April 15 we are not able to report on this event. However, with two excellent guest speakers: E. C. Farnham, Executive Secretary, Southern California Council of Protestant Churches, and Rockwell Harmon Potter, Dean Emeritus, Hartford Theological Seminary, and with eight afternoon seminars, it was expected that the attendance would be an increase over the 225 who attended last year.

### LAYMEN'S RETREATS FOR THIS FALL

Dates for Congregational laymen to remember are: Sept. 17-18, Laymen's Fellowship Retreat at Pilgrim Pines; Sept. 24-25, the Arizona Annual Retreat at Camp Whetstine, Prescott.

See that your laymen attend!

### GRANTS HOSPITAL, GRANTS, NEW MEXICO

Few of our Conference constituency know that, among the many phases of our work, we administer a hospital in Grants, N. M., for the Board of Home Missions. The Rev. Cedric E. Crawford, Supt., Spanish-speaking Work, supervises this as a part of his task.

At present we have a small hospital in Grants which ministers not only to Spanish people but to the entire community. Miss Mazie Cristley, R. N., from Rising Sun, Texas, became the superintendent last February and is doing a most efficient work. Dr. Mulholm is the physician in charge. All of the beds are usually filled and, over the years, the hospital has served a wide area.

At the suggestion of Thomas Alfred Tripp, our national Director of Town and Country Work, who visited Grants last November, the plan of establishing a larger hospital in Grants as the center of a larger area in which clinical centers would be maintained in outlying communities, bringing critical cases to Grants, has borne fruit.

On March 28 seventy-five delegates from community organizations and from eight or ten surrounding communities (six coming from as much as 87 miles away) proceeded to take the necessary steps to organize a health association to be known as "The West Valencia County Health Association."

A committee of seven was named to make application for a charter, serving as officers until then. The sum to be raised is yet to be determined but a hospital with ten to twenty-five beds is contemplated. Buildings in the satellite centers would serve not only as clinics but other community interests also.

When the time comes for our present property to become a part of this larger, community-wide health program which is gathering so much of local interest and enthusiasm, we will have initiated a healing ministry which will reach thousands now unreached.

The New Mexico Health Foundation has cooperated in all the steps thus far, lending some of its field staff for survey and guidance. Members of the Conference staff have been active in the planning stages and the vision of Thomas Alfred Tripp seems destined to become a reality.

# NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

### SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION

#### Chula Vista Community

The Rev. A. Ray Pety of Westfield, N. J., who occupied the pulpit on March 20, received a unanimous call and will begin his pastorate about July 1. The Rev. Williston Wirt begins his pastorate at North Congregational Church, Berkeley, May 1. His four-year pastorate has seen the facilities and program of the church greatly extended and Mr. and Mrs. Wirt will be missed greatly.

#### Lemon Grove, Community

The dedication of the new educational building was scheduled for Sunday, May 8, with Supt. Nelson C. Dreier as the guest speaker. This marks the culmination of several years' planning and provides greatly needed religious education facilities for the church. The Rev. Daniel Apra is the minister.

#### San Diego, First

Pres. William H. Jones of Tillotson College, Austin, Texas, was the guest speaker at the Women's Fellowship meeting on April 1. Women from other churches in the area were guests at the meeting. As the result of a successful bazaar, the church women have provided an excellent kitchenette on the second floor adjoining the Golden Room. Such equipment is now available on every floor. In addition, the women have added new serving equipment to the lower kitchen. The Rev. Walter H. Stark, minister.

#### San Diego, First Japanese

The newly elected members of the church board were installed by the pastor, the Rev. Kenji Kikuchi, at the Issei-Nisei worship service on Sunday, March 20. For the first time Nisei members were elected to serve on the church board, and in one instance father and daughter now serve together. After the service an informal potluck luncheon was served by the Women's Society.

#### San Diego, Kensington Community

Twice during Holy Week "The Terrible Meek," a one-act religious drama by Charles R. Kennedy, was presented. It is a graphic and effective interpretation of the life of Jesus. The Rev. Lester E. Bond, minister.

#### San Diego, Mission Hills

The response of the church to the "One Great Hour" resulted in an offering of nearly five hundred dollars. . . . A Father and Son dinner was held on April 20 with Willie Steele, national Olympic champion, and his son as guests. . . . Members of the choir appeared in their new robes on Sunday, April 3. Individuals and organizations in the church made possible the purchase of these choir gowns. The Rev. John C. Wiley, minister.

### ARIZONA ASSOCIATION

#### Nogales, Trinity

Supt. Nelson C. Dreier was the guest preacher on Easter Sunday morning. He was accompanied by his family. They were the guests of the Rev. and Mrs. O. A. Smith.

#### Phoenix, Encanto Community

The church hoped to begin a campaign for funds early in May looking toward the construction of a sanctuary estimated to cost $35,000. The Rev. Waldo S. Richards, minister.

#### Phoenix, First

Over four hundred dollars was contributed to the "One Great Hour" offering for rehabilitation and reconstruction. It was hoped that $1,000 would be raised from the offering on Easter Sunday to apply on the reduction of the church debt. . . . The church played an important part in entertaining the Conference Women's Fellowship on April 5 and 6. The Rev. Frederick A. Barnhill, minister.

#### Tempe

On March 30 a banquet, for which the tickets were ten dollars each, was given for the purpose of reducing the debt of $7,500 remaining on the recently constructed social and educational plant. After all expenses were paid, the building fund netted $1,430. The following week a gift of $500 was sent to the Building Committee by a friend of the church to augment the fund. The church is to be congratulated upon the success of its venture. The Rev. Cecil L. Prior, minister.

#### Tombstone

Supt Nelson C. Dreier was the guest speaker on Good Friday evening, April 15. . . . An Easter sunrise service was held at the church at 5:45 a.m.. . . . The Rev. George R. Bennett conducted the first service for the people at Double Adobe. This has been a neglected area and there were many adults and children who participated in the church service. Mr. Bennett and his church have taken the initiative in providing a Christian ministry in this community. There is every hope that it will ultimately develop into a new church.

#### Tucson, First

The "One Great Hour" offering for rehabilitation and reconstruction amounted to $480.61. This was designated as an "over and above" gift and represents a fine response on the part of the members and friends of the church. The Rev. Richard A. Dawson, minister.

#### Yavapai Cooperative Parish

*Chino Valley.* The Chino Valley Church observed its first anniversary on Palm Sunday. The year has seen steady progress in the development of this new church enterprise.

*Prescott.* The Rev. Charles Franklin Parker was the guest speaker at the Easter Sunrise Service at the Grand Canyon.

### KERN ASSOCIATION

#### Mojave

Another evidence of the developing program of the church is the organization of a new group of fifteen young adult women who meet twice a month for study and discussion and fellowship. The minister of the church, the Rev. John C. Hanchett, doubles as scout master and took a large group of cub scouts to Los Angeles on April 12.

#### Panama Community

The Rev. R. G. Heddon reports that

there are one hundred families in the constituency of the church and that interest is being developed in twenty-five other families. The church school is growing, with its attendance pressing close to one hundred. Many repairs and improvements have been made, such as a new floor, gas furnace for the church.

#### Paso Robles, Plymouth

The membership of the church was expected to reach an all-time high with a fine group which planned to join the church on Easter Sunday. The church has grown steadily in numbers and strength under the fine leadership of the Rev. Lester C. Pritchett.

Shafter

#### Shafter, Union

The Rev. Stanley U. North of the Board of Home Missions, New York, and Supt. Nelson C. Dreier visited the church in March to counsel relative to possible relocation of the church. . . . On April 10 two adults, four young people and seven children received the sacrament of baptism.

#### Wasco

A fine spirit of cooperation between the minister and people has been evident. The Ladies' Aid had the minister's study repainted and varnished, a new fluorescent lighting fixture installed, and purchased a new desk and a 4-door metal filing cabinet. The church attendance has shown a forty per cent increase. There has been increased giving and an excellent spirit of cooperation and interest. The minister, the Rev. Elmer J. Windisch, is ably assisted by his wife, who is active in several departments of the church life.

### LOS ANGELES ASSOCIATION

#### Altadena, Community

*Foothill Neighbors,* the four-page, printed parish newspaper, published quarterly, gives one an excellent introduction to the many-sided program of the church. It is well illustrated and well edited and should create many friends for the church. . . . Sixty-five members of the church participated in the religious census of Pasadena and Altadena which was initiated on February 20. These contacts are being followed up and cultivated. The Rev. M. K. W. Heicher, minister.

#### Corona del Mar

Pres. William H. Jones of Tillotson College, Austin, Texas, and Glenn A. Rowles of the Conference staff were guests at a meeting of the women on March 23 at two o'clock. Pres. Jones spoke of his work at Tillotson College. A group of women from the Laguna Beach Church was also present. The Rev. Perry F. Schrock, minister.

#### Glendale, First

Pres. William H. Jones of Tillotson College was the guest speaker at the church night supper held on March 30. The Bradford Club was in charge of the supper. The Choraleers Choir furnished special music. . . . A Father and Son Banquet was held on April 1 with eighty-four fathers and sons present to honor the Gray-Y and the Junior and Senior Hi-Y church basketball teams. The Rev. Jesse F. Perrin, minister.

### Laguna Beach

The Laguna Beach Festival of Arts will be held July 30 to August 14, but the church is already making plans for the food concessions which it has had for several years and from which a very fine sum is raised toward the building fund of the church. Even the minister, the Rev. Philip E. Gregory, rolls up his sleeves and works arduously. On Sunday, March 27, $6,000 was given or pledged to the building fund. It was anticipated that the response of others would bring this sum to $10,000. It is now their hope to begin construction of the parish house early in the fall.

### Long Beach, First

The church was host to the Sixty-third Annual Meeting of the Conference, May 10 and 11, and provided most adequately for the comforts of all those who attended. . . . At the request of the church and the Conference, the Board of Home Missions has declared the projected plan for a new church project at Los Altos Terrace, north of Long Beach, a high potential project. Long Beach First Church has $10,000 to invest in this new church extension project. The Rev. Stuart L. Anderson, minister, is leading his church in a broad and effective ministry. The contribution for relief and reconstruction on March 27 amounted to $2,368.46.

### L. A., Church of Christian Fellowship

In April the Rev. Albert W. Palmer, who is serving as co-pastor with the Rev. Harold M. Kingsley for a period of three months, presented the choir with twenty choir vestments. It is hoped that when he returns from his summer vacation he may resume this relationship with the church. On April 24 he and Mrs. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Miller, and Mrs. George R. Wilson were guests of honor at a tea held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Somerville. . . . Many visitors to Los Angeles from all over the United States are to be found at the Sunday morning services.

### L.A., Eagle Rock, United

An unusual service dramatizing "One Great Hour" was held on Sunday, March 27, in place of a sermon by the minister, the Rev. Paul E. Babbitt. Selected individuals in the choir and the congregation rose in their places to express their convictions relative to racial understanding and Christian forgiveness and tolerance. Many worshippers were led into a new recognition of their Christian responsibility by this dramatic interpretation. . . . The annual Maundy Thursday passover meal and Holy Communion at the tables were held on April 14. This is one of the most effective services of the entire year.

### L.A., First

All those who wished to worship at First Church during Holy Week and on Easter Sunday had a wide choice of services. Also, the facilities of radio and television were utilized by the church in its extensive ministry. Following the worship service at 4:30 p.m. on Easter Sunday, the Rev. James W. Fifield, Jr., minister, and the Rev. Clifton E. Moore, minister of radio, met radio listeners who had come to this particular service for a fellowship hour. . . . Eighty members united with the church in January and 179 were received into membership on April 3.

### Hollywood, First

The music department of the church has been strengthened by the addition of three recently formed choirs, the Cherub, Choristers and Chorale choirs. The first two were organized to give children an opportunity to participate in the worship service, and the Choral Choir is composed of

junior and senior high school girls. Robert Holmes is the minister of music. The Rev. James Hamilton Lash is the minister and the Rev. Walter H. Staves is his associate.

Western Knoll, Los Angeles

**L.A., Western Knoll**

George L. Thomas, Consultant on Intercultural Relations of the Conference staff, was the guest speaker at the Scrooby Club on Sunday evening, March 27. The Rev. George W. Haskel, minister.

**L.A., Westwood Hills**

The April Guild luncheon meeting on Thursday, April 7, held in the Fireside Room of the church, had as its guest Miss Marion Hunt, who was secretary to Lloyd Douglas at the time he was collecting material for *The Robe* and *The Big Fisherman*. . . . The church carries on one of the most active programs in the field of social education and action of any of our churches. At the forum program on Sunday evening, March 20, two practicing physicians in Los Angeles debated the question, "Should we have compulsory health insurance?" The Rev. S. Mark Hogue, minister.

**L.A., Woodland Hills**

As this is written, the arches which form the skeleton construction of the new social unit are in place and the walls will be rising immediately. This will be the first unit of a new church plant, and the community is wholeheartedly behind the project. The Rev. Melvin H. Harter is the minister. . . . Miss Dorothy K. Winslow, the new president of the Conference Women's Fellowship, met with the women of the church on April 26 and assisted in the formation of their organization.

**Manhattan Beach, Community**

The Rev. James A. Peterson, minister, was assisted by the Rev. Albert W. Palmer and the Rev. J. Martin Peterson on Easter Sunday morning. They each preached at one of the five morning service.

**Pomona Pilgrim**

The guest speaker at the fellowship dinner on April 27 was the Rev. Albert W. Palmer, whose theme was, "The Place of Pilgrim Church in the United Church of Christ." The Rev. Victor M. Rhein, minister.

**Santa Ana, First**

The Rev. Fred W. Niedringhaus, who was out of his pulpit for more than a month because of illness, presided at the service on Easter Sunday for the first time.

**South Pasadena, Oneonta**

The church had as its guest speaker during Holy Week Professor George Johnston, Associate Professor of New Testament and Church History at Hartford Theological Seminary. The Rev. Henry David Gray, minister.

## SAN BERNARDINO ASSOCIATION

**Bloomington**

Considerable remodeling and rearranging has been going on in the reversing of the sanctuary. New furniture and appointments are being added. A formal dedication service was planned for the first part of May.

**Mentone**

Associate Supt. Glenn A. Rowles

visited the church on May 1, preaching at the morning church service. The Rev. and Mrs. Samuel A. Wright have led in a forward program.

**Ontario, Bethel**

A "Country Store" with many interesting features was held on April 23 with the women of the church, the Merry Married Club, and the young people of the church all sharing. The plan of the women was to use the funds raised to replace the old, heavy dining room tables with new lightweight folding ones and to repaint the kitchen and dining room. The Merry Married Club planned to secure a slide projector for the church. . . . Mrs. Donald W. Head, wife of the minister and sponsor of a reading project, reports that for the six months from October to March there were ninety-six readers who completed 555 books. Forty qualified as "A" readers, having completed a balanced list of at least six books. During the fifteen months from January 1, 1948, 1,295 books were read. . . . Twenty-one new members were received into the church on April 3.

**Perris**

The parsonage has been given a "new look." Three rooms have been papered and painted and the floors refinished. The kitchen has been repainted, linoleum tile laid on the floor and a new white sink with cabinets installed. These, with the installation of new light fixtures have been a source of great satisfaction to the Rev. and Mrs. Carl Magnuson.

**Redlands, First**

The response to the "One Great Hour" appeal for relief and reconstruction resulted in an offering of $766.55. . . . The church basketball team won the local church league championship, which entitled it to play in the Southern California YMCA tournament at Pasadena on March 26. The Rev. William D. Pratt, minister.

**Riverside, First**

The church entertained the San Bernardino Association on Sunday, March 27. Sixteen new members were received into the church that morning. . . . During Holy Week there were eight showings of "The King of Kings." The Rev. Paul W. Yinger, minister.

**OVERHEARD ON THE BUS**

(*Continued from page* 20)

"Well balanced programs with good speakers."

"My greatest joy has been from a realization of spiritual growth in the Fellowship and the evidence of much greater understanding."

"The fellowship with the women from our sister states which brings greater understanding and cooperation."

"The meeting will go down in church history as being the best yet because of its widespread attendance and fellowship."

"Marvelous hospitality."

"Seminars most practical."

"Inspiration of exchanging ideas."

"The drive across the desert viewing God's world at this beautiful time of year."

"Getting acquainted on the way to the meeting."

**WHAT IS A CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH?**

"A Congregational Church is a church of self-governing Christian believers organized on a democratic basis in close association with a great body of Congregational Churches throughout the world, covenanting together for religious worship, work and fellowship, acknowledging Christ only as authorized Head." — First Congregational Church, Riverside, calendar.

John C. Bennett

# A New Life FOR THE DISPLACED

The General Council Meeting at Oberlin resolved that the Congregational Christian Service Committee be designated as the agency to carry out, in cooperation with Church World Service, a program for the resettlement in this country of European displaced persons. Since then, the December issue of *Together* and the February issue of *The Missionary Herald* have explained to our churches the procedures to be followed by individuals and groups wishing to help displaced persons enter the United States under the *Displaced Persons Act of* 1948. As you may recall, this denomination's goal at that time was set at the resettlement of 1,000 persons before the expiration of the Act on June 30, 1950. The problem is so urgent, however, that recently Church World Service has asked every local church to send in the assurance forms for at least one displaced person or family by June 1st.

Except for the Lutherans, Protestant denominations so far have fallen down on the job. Our own effort provides a case in point. At the end of March, 1949, when the program had been in active operation for four months, we had secured thirty assurances covering the admission of about fifty people. (Some are for man and wife; two are for man, wife, and two children.) At that rate, we shall be able to assure the resettlement of only 225 of those for whom we have a Christian responsibility.

At present there seem to be two obstacles, both arising from misunderstandings as to the intent of the assurances that must be made.

## FOUR ASSURANCES

The first assurance, for a *job,* is perfectly plain.

The second, for *housing,* is still a cause of confusion. When we think of "housing," we seem to think only in terms of a house, an apartment, something more or less permanent. Actually, what is necessary is something much less formal. Displaced persons are people who, as victims of human cruelty and neglect, have had to live largely by ingenuity for the last several years. They have been living in barracks and camps, in large groups. They have had no privacy. If you are able to offer a room temporarily or if you know others who will share with you an offer for hospitality until one or two rooms may be found on a more permanent basis, that is sufficient assurance of "housing." It is not necessary to have permanent housing immediately available; a "place to stay" is regarded as adequate to meet this condition.

The third assurance, for *inland transportation,* which used to present a difficulty, has long since been less of a stumbling block, since the cost of transportation may be regarded as a loan to be repaid by the displaced person from his earnings here.

The fourth assurance, the "L. P.

C." (*Liability of Public Charge*), has been the subject of pertinent comment from the Displaced Persons Commission in Washington:

"The law requires that assurances be given against the alien's becoming a public charge. Although this does not constitute a legally enforceable undertaking, it should be predicated upon good faith and an honest resolve so to guide the alien's activities and welfare as to give reasonable assurance against the likelihood that he may become a charge upon the public."

### AID TO DISPLACED PERSONS

We in the Congregational Christian churches of America have already a bond with the displaced persons of Europe. Part of our support of *Our Christian World Mission* is forwarded to Church World Service, where some of it is used for their welfare program for displaced persons. Among their services are sewing workshops which have furnished about a thousand layettes to infants in Germany, a teacher retraining unit as well as regular schools (*gymnasia*), and — perhaps most important of all — a vocational training program in the displaced persons' camps at Hanau, Berchtesgaden, and Esslingen. Some of the skills we are helping these people to acquire are: hatmaking, weaving, ceramics, cosmetics and hairdressing, the cutting and manufacture of men's and women's clothing, the manufacture and repair of shoes by hand, as well as by machinery, carpentry, furniture-making, welding, forging, the repair of cars, repair and installation of radio sets. We but follow up what we have already done when we bring displaced persons to our own communities where their skills and productiveness can be a part of the greatest of our national resources.

"For two years I am a D.P., and I am awfully tired of wearing this label. All of us are tired of being

considered a special sort of people, somewhat inferior to all others. We have suffered a lot but we are the same normal beings, willing and able to work, with intelligence, creative power, energy and talent. There are not only skilled workers of different trades among us, but scientists, doctors, engineers, artists, musicians, and writers; nevertheless, everybody is ready to begin with any hard work, if necessary, but we must really begin a new life. We cannot live any

*Left, top,* Church World Service kindergarten school in Germany; *center,* refugee camp, Germany; *bottom,* DP's prepare to leave for U. S. *Above,* customs inspector passes DP luggage. *Right,* CWS worker helps DP learn shoemaking in Amberg Sanitorium, Germany.

more at a station waiting for a train to come, being never sure that such a train will ever come. But we are sure, under the present conditions, we shall not take the train going back to our countries. We did not leave our homes willingly, but now it is our free will not to return there. We chose freedom, and no privations will alter our minds . . ."

These helpless victims of war and tyranny have already been victims also of our own callousness and neglect. The program for Displaced Persons which Congress has authorized is long overdue. Now is the time to act if thousands of families whom we can rescue are not to be doomed to a homeless and hopeless existence or, perhaps worse, to be sent back eventually to countries where they would be persecuted.

The April issue of *CCSC Reports,* which was sent to all ministers of American Congregational Christian churches, was devoted to the Displaced Persons program. Accompanying the *Reports* were a set of assurance forms and an information pamphlet published by Church World Service, which answers the questions most frequently occurring. We want to say in the strongest way possible that the Displaced Persons program is an emergency program and we want to urge our readers to inquire immediately, if they have not received assurance blanks, and so begin the process of releasing these valiant people to their new life of freedom.

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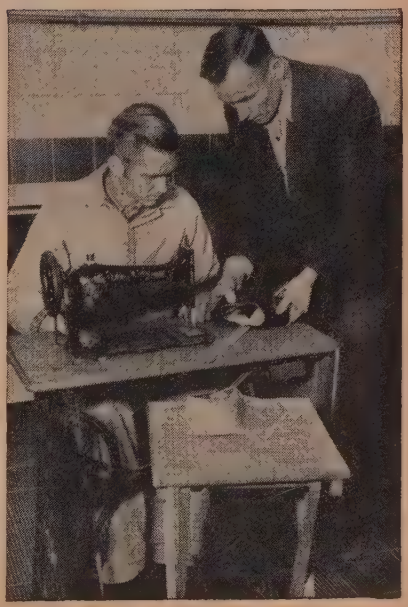
*Photos by courtesy of Church World Service.*



# STRENGTH THROUGH UNITY

**A common objective and Christian purpose have resulted in close cooperation between our Service Committee and Church World Service.**

ROBBINS W. BARSTOW

To schematize and diagram the vast and varied relief and reconstruction undertakings of the Christian Churches of America for these past few years would overtax even the most astute and clever analysts and draftsmen. The people of America have been wonderfully generous in their eagerness to be helpful, although in honesty we must admit that few of us have made any very real sacrifices of our own comforts and pleasures in order to increase our giving to relieve the sufferings of our brethren overseas.

### METHODS OF GIVING

By and large our church people have implemented their humanitarian and Christian impulses along four supplementary lines. (1) Some have had personal connections or the wish to make direct contacts and have sent parcels and packages to known or unknown individuals or have participated in specialized programs such as the Foster Parents' plan. (2) Some have given principally through general agencies such as the national relief organizations, or Save the Children Foundation, or the American Friends Service Committee. Others have given chiefly through their churches, and such gifts, whether of goods or cash, have been divided, either by designation of the donor or by decision of the denominational body, between (3) denominationally initiated and administered projects, and (4) the larger cooperative interdenominational pattern of relief and reconstruction.

Hopefully, all four of these methods supplement, in personal and spiritual ways, the efforts at political and economic recovery undertaken at government levels. They also supplement one another, having a common objective and Christian purpose. And there has been a gratifying degree of coordination, particularly within the last two brackets, in the effort to avoid conflict or overlapping and to develop a sound perspective and proportion.

### COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

The Congregational Christian Service Committee and Church World Service illustrate this relationship. Church World Service was devised to stimulate and administer on behalf of more than a score of major Protestant bodies, including the Congregational Christian churches, the largest possible response to need, emphasiz-

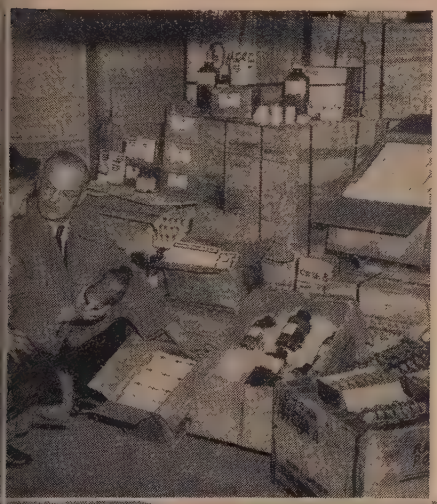
ing the ecumenical fellowship both in giving and receiving.

Obviously, material relief in the face of almost universal and overwhelming destitution and suffering knows no denominational distinctions, and such aspects of total human need as the salvaging of youth, the provision of Christian literature, and work for Displaced Persons can best be served by a common program cooperatively administered. These have been some of the activities, carried on in forty different countries of Europe and Asia, for which Church World Service has been the channelling agency.

There is a whole area of projects and services that can be more definitely identified as to specific units. This list would include the re-equipment of church schools, hospitals, orphanages; the repairing of damaged churches; the ministries of health to Christian workers. Most of these are locally related to a particular church or denomination. There are often strong ties of overseas fellowship which lead certain of our cooperating church bodies to select from the over-all picture of validations those items in which their people have a special interest, and to which they wish their gifts to be designated.

### INTER-CHURCH PATTERN

This procedure is understandable, although if it is too generally followed, it hinders more than it helps the development of the wider and deeper ecumenical fellowships. It emphasizes the narrower creedal agreements more than the broader Christian concepts of brotherhood. Carried to its extremes it would deprive some of us, lacking sister churches, from having any significant part in the recovery and reconstruction program, except in such more general enterprises as the distribution of food and clothes, and the support of the Displaced Per-



**Medical supplies, *left*, were sent to Vienna, Austria, through Church World Service. *Below, left*, CWS boys' recreation camp has evening prayers. *Below*, Boys' Town, Vilbel, Germany.**

sons program. Is there not a very real value in the fact that Congregationalists are helping restore Lutheran orphanages, that Lutherans are making possible the recovery of health by Baptist pastors, that Baptists are helping in the education of Reformed theological students, and that Presbyterians are helping repair Orthodox churches? These are important considerations governing the total program, and indicating the desirability of maximum cooperation in the underwriting of this inter-church pattern of helpfulness. Most of the giving of our Congregational Christian churches has been within these two brackets of the general and the specific; most of it undesignated, to be allocated at the discretion of the administrative committees and operations secretaries of Church World Service in consultation with Geneva and the Asiatic councils.

#### INDEPENDENT PROJECTS

Simultaneously, and in a measure coordinately, there have been a number of specific undertakings sponsored independently by the Service Committee. These are in the nature of projects already initiated when the cooperative program began, such as the fellowship group activities in England, or projects that had a special appeal for one or more reasons to our Congregational constituency.

Other denominations who are cooperating with Church World Service have also had special projects of one sort or another. The problem, of course, is to maintain such clearances so that generally accepted priorities are not ignored, and so that denominational support is not drawn off to these independent ventures to a degree that undercuts or endangers the cooperative obligations to which Church World Service is so heavily committed.

These are the ways by which Church World Service and our Congregational Christian Service Committee may work together to carry on, for our fellowship, the really vast and critical ministries of relief and reconstruction.

**Above, Ruth Nichols, *left*, a CWS worker, sets out for a clothing distribution near Yugoslavian border. She visits Rizia and Messias.**

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Administration buildings of Collège Cévenol at le Chambon, international workcamp.

# Centers of Inspiration

Joseph Howell

The Congregational Christian Service Committee gave two dormitories and one classroom building to the Collège Cévenol in Chambon-sur-Lignon, Haute Loire, France, in the spring of 1946. Although these buildings did not arrive in Chambon until the end of August, when school started early in October they were already habitable. About one hundred volunteers — mostly from France, but also from Switzerland and England — came together on short notice for the first international work camp of the Congregational Christian Service Committee.

In 1947, a total of 234 volunteers from nine countries came to Chambon during the summer, under the sponsorship of the Congregational Christian Service Committee, this time to build two more dormitories and to begin construction of a playing field and a tennis court. These latter two projects, far from being irrelevant in a war-torn Europe, were regarded by the leader of the school, Edouard Theis and by his faculty as of first-rate importance and as being integral with the school's purpose of broadening a strict and confining academic pattern. In 1948, a total of 259 campers came from fourteen different countries: France, Germany, Holland, Italy, Spain, Austria, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Britain, China, Norway, Sweden, the Ukraine and the United States. This camp was overcrowded often by as many as 120 students at one time.

The summer's work included: continuing work on the playing field, painting of the six wooden buildings, road building, continuation of work on the tennis court, the digging of a food cellar near the kitchen which would also serve as foundation for a garage.

### OTHER WORK CAMPS

In 1948, in addition to the camp at Chambon, the Congregational Christian Service Committee cooperated with the Netherlands' section of the International Student Service in three camps in Germany. There were forty students in each of these, from three countries: Germany, Hol-

land and the United States. At Hamburg, campers engaged in a reforestation project. At Muenster, campers cleared rubble from a bombed physics laboratory to make ready for new construction at the University of Muenster. At Goettingen, the students cleared dirt and rock from the entire ground floor of a former Nazi headquarters and renovated the interior of this building to make an international center for students at the University of Goettingen, under the supervision of Pastor Olav Brennhovd.

In 1949, the Congregational Chris-

*Top,* **Joseph Howell of our Service Committee greets work campers at Chambon.** *Left,* **campers relax.** *Above,* **campers at Stuttgart, Ger.**

tian Service Committee is cooperating with the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Presbyterian Church, USA, in a coordinated work camp program called the World Council of Churches Work Camps. There will be twelve camps, one camp each in Finland, Holland, England, Italy, and France, and seven camps in Germany.

Because of the experience of the Congregational Christian Service Committee and its growing interest in sponsoring and paying for these camps, the Service Committee is administering the program from the United States. It has appointed to the World Council of Churches — as work camp secretary — George Booth, Middlebury College, who administers the camps in Europe by selecting sites and European personnel and by gathering equipment and food.

The work camp at Chambon, now in its fourth year, will help the Collège Cévenol by continuing work on the playing field started last year and by constructing a sanitation system.

In England, the camp is located at a site in East London, where the work will be urgently needed redecoration and renovation of living quarters in the East End.

### LOCATIONS OF CAMPS

The other ten camps are located at sites chosen to provide critically needed living and working accommodations for refugees (Espelkamp, Nuremberg, Cologne, and Ronnenberg in Germany); to provide meeting ground for Protestant Christian Youth Groups in Europe (Berlin and Stuttgart, Germany; Ommen, Holland; Partaharju, Finland). The

Mainz camp will help reconstruct a theological seminary; and the camp in Italy is located at Agape, near Turin, where Waldensians are building an international center for Protestantism in Europe.

In the French camp, there have been coal miners from Belgium, a fireman on the National French Railroad, apprentice hatmakers from Paris. The selection committee for 1949 has tried to accept campers, not only from the East Coast, but from the entire country.

About half of the campers have been Congregational Christian. Other

**Campers erect a prefabricated dormitory, *above, left. Right,* the finished product. *Left,* community where camp is located in France.**

denominations represented, in order of numbers involved have been: Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Evangelical and Reformed, Northern Baptists, Methodists, Unitarian, Friends, Jewish, Disciples of Christ, Dutch Reformed, and Catholic.

The committee which has selected the Americans for 1949 is composed of one representative from the World Council of Churches, one from the Presbyterian Church, one from the Evangelical and Reformed Church, one from the Episcopalian Church, and one from the Congregational Christian Service Committee.

The process of selecting the right people is difficult. To everyone who inquires about the camp is sent, together with application forms, a statement of about ten presuppositions with which he is asked to agree in writing before making his application. He knows from the presuppositions that this sort of volunteer program needs people for whom this work will be a prime motivation, people whose warm-heartedness will make up for any language deficiency, people who have a concern of long-standing for those in trouble and who have had some experience in expressing that concern — people, in short, who want, first of all, to make a physical contribution but who also want to make a spiritual contribution — with Christian humility — realizing that they, too, have much to learn.

*Mr. Howell is Associate Executive Secretary of our Congregational Christian Service Committee.*

*Photos by M. Michalet-Lyon by courtesy of Church World Service and our Service Committee.*

**DANIEL HAND EDUCATIONAL FUND FOR COLORED PEOPLE**

Income for the month of March, 1949..... $4,947.69
Income for the ten months ended March 31, 1949.....$54,730.81

# Visual Aids for Relief and Reconstruction

**Daybreak** — 16mm black and white sound film which tells the story of the actual experiences of a young refugee who escapes to Austria after release from a Prisoner of War Camp. A Church World Service release.

**28 minutes** **$2.50**

**This Road We Walk** — 16mm black and white sound film on the great needs in Europe today. Produced for Church World Service. Useful to promote the need for continued relief and reconstruction.

**25 minutes** **$2.50**

**The Cummington Story** — 16mm black and white sound film of a refugee family which arrived in Cummington, Mass. How they gradually became a part of the community.

**18 minutes** **Free***

**Letter From China** — sound, 16mm color motion picture. An American Board missionary writes to his dad about his year in China. Interesting and inspiring for all ages.

**30 minutes** **$5**

**My Name Is Han** — sound 16mm black and white motion picture. The story of the impact of Christianity on a Chinese family and the help a Chinese pastor gave. Produced by the Protestant Film Commission.

**25 minutes** **$8**

**Fair Wind** — a story of China today and the reconstruction needs of Christian institutions in China. Color.

**35 minutes** **Free***

**Hands Across the Sea** — Great Britain — the Service Committee at work in Great Britain. Color.

**30 minutes** **Free***

**Hands Across the Sea** — Western Europe — The Service Committee in Western Europe, color.

**30 minutes** **Free***

**This Is Greece Today** — A Greek war relief film which indicates the stark need in Greece and is valuable because there is Congregational Christian reconstruction to be done in Greece. Black and white.

**15 minutes** **Free***

**Bridges of Goodwill** — Color.

**Seen From Mars Hill** — Color

## KODACHROME SLIDES

**Building For Peace — Great Britain** — The Service Committee at work in Great Britain.

**Church Relief and Reconstruction Needs in South China**

**Church Relief and Reconstruction in North China**

**The Service Committee in Action — In Western Europe** **Free***

**The materials listed as free will be sent on order to churches, subject only to transportation charges. Rental and transportation charges are usually covered by an offering gathered at the presentation.*

**Offering Envelopes for Relief and Reconstruction**

1. In sets (one for each month) for churches where the plan for sacrificial giving is in use.

2. Single envelopes in any number for special offerings.

***All above materials are available from the four Missions Council Depositories:***

14 Beacon Street, Boston 8; 19 S. LaSalle St., Chicago 3; 287 Fourth Ave., New York 10; 3125 W. Adams Blvd., Los Angeles 16.

# RELIEF AND RECONSTRUCTION

## in Our Christian World Mission

Albert D. Stauffacher

*Our Christian World Mission* budget for 1949 makes provision for continuing our work of Relief and Reconstruction begun in 1940 by the Committee for War Victims and Services. That committee, whose name was changed in 1945 to "The Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction," completed its service to the denomination at the end of 1948. But, though the committee's promotional effort has ended, the needs to which it ministered continue — and our efforts to meet them wisely and generously must also continue.

The work of Relief and Reconstruction has been made an integral part of *Our Christian World Mission,* with approximately 16 per cent of our benevolence gifts (one million dollars for 1949) serving these critical needs and services.

### CHURCH RECEIVES CREDIT

Inasmuch as Relief and Reconstruction is a part of *Our Christian World Mission,* all monies given for this purpose, and so designated, are credited to the church as a part of its benevolence goal. Arrangements have also been made so that gifts sent through our Conference offices and designated for certain interdenominational enterprises and relief organizations may be credited to the church's benevolence goal. These agencies, such as CARE and CROP, carry on work consonant with and supplemental to our own, and where, for special reasons, a donor wishes to contribute to them, and channels his gifts through the State Conference office or direct to Mr. Harold Belcher, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, his gift will be credited to *Our Christian World Mission.*

Relief and Reconstruction monies under *Our Christian World Mission* are allocated for use, as they are received, by the Allocations Committee. The Congregational Christian Service Committee, whose work is so well described in this issue of *The Herald* is entirely supported from these funds. Church World Service, through which, in united action with the major Protestant denominations, we work in many areas of the world in a variety of relief and rehabilitation projects, also receives funds from this source. More than this, a number of projects undertaken in recent years by our fellowship — with funds from the Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction — are necessarily being continued with monies allocated by your committee. The veteran-student projects at Windham, Ohio, and Willow Run, Michigan, as well as relief in North China are typical of this sort of continuing work.

It is surely true that these ministries of faith, hope and love belong at the very heart of our church's life in the world. And, as you see from reading these pages, they are empowered by the grace and spirit of the Lord we seek to serve. May he quicken us in our prayers — to continue to share his gifts to us — "in His name and for their sakes."

*Dr. Stauffacher is Minister and Executive Secretary of our Missions Council.*

# *Financial Report*

## The Postwar Emergency Program

The following is the final financial report for the Postwar Emergency Program. It covers the period of October 1, 1945 to December 31, 1948, for the Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction, and from January 1, 1946 to December 31, 1948, for Increased Apportionment Giving above the 1945 level:

**POSTWAR EMERGENCY PROGRAM**

| | The Committee for War Victims & Reconstruction | | Inc. Apportionment Giving Above the 1945 level | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| On hand Oct. 1, '45 | $ 76,712.12 | | | $ 76,712.12 |
| Oct. 1, 1945 to Sep. 30, 1946 | 1,206,024.69 | 1946 | $471,152.00 | 1,677,176.69 |
| Oct. 1, 1946 to Dec. 31, 1947 | 1,605,041.59 | 1947 | 589,077.00 | 2,194,118.59 |
| — 1948 — | 1,116,467.09 | 1948 | 670,037.00 | 1,786,504.09 |
| | $4,004,245.49 | | $1,730,266.00 | $5,734,511.49 |

In addition to these amounts, the people of our Congregational Christian Churches gave to regular apportionment, budgeted and unbudgeted, $7,274,039.00 during the three years, 1946, 1947 and 1948.

The total benevolence giving of our denomination during these three years is $16,545,442 — an average of $5,515,147.00.

During the seven-year period from 1941-1948, total benevolence giving of our denomination increased 151%.

# You Can Use Films to Greater Advantage

**Alexander B. Ferguson**

Church groups throughout the country are making more use of audio-visual materials: films, filmstrips, recordings, to animate their program.

A New Jersey church has found films highly successful in its All Nations Film Festival Series for the Family. The series ran for five consecutive Sunday Evenings from 5:30 to 8:30 P.M. and was acclaimed by the whole family.

There were fun and fellowship directed by two families, children included. Afterward food representative of the country being visited was prepared and served by three other families. About 7:30, all gathered in the Church Hall for the program. First, came a brief introduction to the film of the evening by the minister, outlining a bit about our Congregational Christian Mission work in the area and explaining how the film dealt with the work. Then came the film. Titles used in the series included: *In the Steps of the Great Physician,* medical missions in India; *Letter From China,* our job in Foochow, China; *Daybreak,* displaced persons in Austria; *Kyoto Story,* Japanese missions; and finally, *We Would Be Building,* on the need for new churches in our own nation, the feature film for "American Night."

Then the group adjourned to the darkened chapel for a brief meditation led by the pastor. During the service a single color slide of a painting by an artist of the country being emphasized was projected. The minister provided a carefully planned commentary, appropriate music, Scripture, and prayer, all very brief, so that the service required fifteen minutes or less. Slides for the service came from the *Each With His Own Brush* set.

These films are available from your nearest Visual Aids Depository of the Missions Council.

### NEW MATERIALS FOR THE YEAR

Several new releases have been announced by the Department of Visual Aids:

KYOTO STORY — the new 16mm sound color film on American Board work in Japan. 30 minutes in length. Rental $5.

I AM WITH YOU — professionally made feature film on missionaries in Africa. A thrilling, moving story told with force and beauty. Requires 75 minutes for showing. Rental $16.

WE WOULD BE BUILDING — 16mm color film on the building of churches in America. Showing time, 25 minutes. Rental $5.

YOUR WOMAN'S GIFT — a special filmstrip for women presenting the objectives of the Woman's Gift. Free from Women State Presidents and State offices.

FOR THE FACING OF THIS HOUR — color filmstrip made especially for Pilgrim Fellowship groups. Rental $1.

OUR CHURCH, WORLD MODEL — filmstrip with recorded script, on OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION, and the world-wide job of the local church. Showing time, 20 minutes. Rental free.

COOPERATION IN RURAL AMERICA—color sound filmstrip on the Delmo Project in Missouri. One of the thrilling stories of success in confronting rural America. Showing time, 20 minutes. Free.

Make reservations through the nearest Missions Council Depository: 14 Beacon St., Boston 8, Mass.; 19 S. LaSalle St., Chicago 3, Ill.; 287 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.; 3125 West Adams Blvd., Los Angeles 16, Calif.

# MORE POWER TO YOU

## A Year-Round Program of Stewardship for Your Church

By Thomas K. Thompson

*How do you get more power in your church, more manpower and more money-power? Stewardship Education is the answer.*

The Department of Stewardship of the Missions Council is anxious to help you and your church plan a concrete program of stewardship education. May we suggest you order five or six additional copies of this article, call a meeting of the Committee on Missionary Education and Stewardship in your church, and lay out a year's program of stewardship? It'll mean power for the church — power of the person and the power of the purse.

*Here are some suggestions for your calendar:*

**September** Call meeting of Committee on Missionary Education and Stewardship. Study Conrad's THIS WAY TO A THRIVING CHURCH**, 50¢. Check *Stewardship Facts** (free) for suggestions. Study literature recommended in this folder for possible monthly mailings to church constituency.

Have a Church Family Night Supper. Announce plans and hopes for coming year. Explain request of General Council that this biennium the churches emphasize stewardship. Ask formal vote that stewardship be theme of church year.

Install a "Youth Budget Plan" for stewardship education of children and youth in church and Church School. A plan of regular systematic giving to the church for ages four to twenty-four.

See YOUTH BUDGET PLAN MANUAL*. Free.

Show BOBBY AND JANE'S DISCOVERY, an eight minute color cartoon filmstrip with records, in which a twenty-five cent piece tells what it does in the church and in the mission fields. (Rental $1.50. Missions Council.)

Prepare for A Revitalized Every Member Canvass, the best opportunity of the year for stewardship education and stewardship expression.

Show to Canvass Committee MR. JONES WAKES UP, a filmstrip with records on how to conduct a successful Canvass. Free from State Conference office.

Book filmstrip OUR CHURCH—WORLD MODEL and THE TIME IS NOW from State Conference office (or area Captain) for Canvasser training.

Enlist Men's Club in Every Member Canvass.

Order Every Member Canvass literature and supplies from Every Member Canvass Packet.

**October**

Show AND NOW I SEE, 16mm sound movie in which George Miller, a layman, discovers the meaning of stewardship. Cooperate with your state office by accepting whatever date it suggests for your church.

Distribute new stewardship leaflets.

**November**

Have special Thanksgiving Communion Service, using a special Order of Service, Holy Communion, A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN COMMITMENT, and MY COMMUNION COVENANT, a commitment card. *Both items free***.

Show new color movie WE WOULD BE BUILDING, the story of a new church in Silver Springs, Maryland. Order from Missions Council. Rental $5.00 or an offering for the Board of Home Missions. Complete the Every Member Canvass.

**December**

Plan Christmas Season around theme "God's Gift and Our Giving."

Plan a Watch Night Service on theme "Stewardship of Time." Materials available*.

Tell Junior Sermons on stewardship using STEWARDSHIP SERMONS FOR JUNIOR CONGREGATION. (Order from Baptist Literature Bureau, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y. 40¢.)

**January**

Show stewardship movie BEYOND OUR OWN at Men's Club or youth group. (Rental $10.00. Missions Council.)

Conduct a School of Stewardship using Rolston's STEWARDSHIP IN THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH** as a study guide.

Show TWO DOLLARS**, color cartoon filmstrip, at annual meeting of church. (Available without charge from many Conference offices.)

Sponsor forum on "Bible Approach to Economic Problems" using E. T. Root's THE BIBLE ECONOMY OF PLENTY (available from United Stewardship Council, Hillsdale, Michigan. $1.00, Boards).

**February**

Have formal installation of officers (elected at annual meeting) using theme "Stewardship of Talent."*

Have a family Church Night Supper on stewardship using:

THE FAMILY COOPERATIVE*, 2¢; leaflet on family budgets

STEWARDSHIP BEGINS IN CHILDHOOD*, 10¢; parents' booklet

HOW ONE FAMILY PLANNED TO SHARE ITS INCOME, sound slide set. Rental $1.50. (From Missions Council.)

**March**

Include stewardship training for all new members joining church, especially youth.

See MY CHURCH, Pastor's Class manual**.

Read during Lent, THE MESSAGE OF STEWARDSHIP**, by Bishop Cushman. $1.00

Produce skit WHAT COMES OUT OF THE RIGHT SIDE?*, a 15-minute playlet by young people on what money does when put into right pocket of offering envelope. Free.

Give a party on theme "Tax-Payers Bawl," showing how the government makes provision for giving to church and charity. See J. K. Lasser leaflet HOW TO RAISE MONEY PAINLESSLY*. Free. See also J. K. Lasser's HOW TAX LAWS MAKE GIVING TO CHARITY EASY (Funk and Wagnalls, paper, $2.00; cloth $3.00).

Call a meeting of Church School teachers to study Stewardship Training of Children, using CHILDREN'S GIVING IN THE CHURCH SCHOOL*. (Niedermeyer) Free.

**April**

Plan "Talent Enlistment Crusade" using "Interest Finder Cards"* from Easter to Pentecost. Get suggestions from SUCH AS I HAVE** by Carl F. Henry, 25¢, on enlistment.

**May**

Use COMMIT THY WAY* (Booklet of Stewardship Worship Services for women, 10¢) for meeting of women's group.

Order Pilgrim Press Stewardship Message Offering Envelopes** for next year. Use children's envelopes too; see MARY HAS AN ENVELOPE*. Free.

Show SALT OF THE EARTH, 16mm sound movie about Christian Stewardship in a Pennsylvania coal mining town. Available from commercial film libraries handling Cathedral Films. (Rental $12.00.)

Preach a series of Stewardship Sermons using WE HAVE THIS TREASURE* by Gaius Atkins for suggestive "Sermon Starters." Free.

**June**

Commission Summer Conference delegates stressing "Training for Service."

Include "Stewardship of Christian Vocations" at Summer Conferences. See booklet THERE'S A JOB FOR YOU*, 25¢, for missionary opportunities.

Call meeting of Committee on Missionary Education and Stewardship to plan next year's program. Check AIDS TO A PROGRAM OF STEWARDSHIP* (United Stewardship Council bibliography). Free.

**July and August**

Give one day's work for OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION, a Pilgrim Fellowship project. (Write Oliver Powell, 19 South LaSalle St., Chicago 3, Ill.)

Your church would not be expected to adopt all of these suggestions. It could use, adapt, and add items of stewardship education to fit its own need.

The enlistment of persons and purses is a year-round affair. The Committee on Missionary Education and Stewardship should have its goals ever before it:

Money Power: An "in-person" offering from everyone every Sunday for both missions and the local church

Man Power: Four hours of Christian service each week for every Christian

Yes, stewardship is dynamite. There is enough power in the Christian use of time and treasure to blast our complacency and build the Kingdom of God.

*Write Department of Stewardship, Missions Council, 287 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.
**Pilgrim Press, 14 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Mass.; 19 So. LaSalle St., Chicago 3, Ill.

## STEWARDSHIP AND OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION

Congregational Christian people are now engaged in a great Christian World Mission calling for an expenditure of more than six million dollars annually — money which is transformed into Christian service around the world.

Now as in the "Days of His Flesh" Christ's work is:

Preaching the Gospel
Teaching the Christian way
Healing the sick and broken of body
Helping the needy

Small and partial commitments to Christ's work are insufficient for the tasks upon us today.

The General Council, meeting at Oberlin, June 1948, acting on the recommendation of the Conference Superintendents, officially set aside the biennium 1948-1950 for Christian Stewardship Emphasis. The Superintendents in Conference at Grand Rapids, Michigan in January 1948 felt that *Our Christian World Mission* would succeed if our people gave themselves in a newer and deeper commitment of their lives and their possessions in a spirit of Christian Stewardship.

Department of Stewardship Missions Council
287 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

## HOW MANY MEN HAVE GONE INTO THE MINISTRY FROM YOUR CHURCH?

Does your church have a recruiting program to challenge your young men and women with the opportunities now available for Christian leadership throughout the world?

May we send you a copy of "What is There in the Ministry?"

A. C. McGiffert, Jr., *President*

**The Chicago Theological Seminary**

5757 University Ave. Chicago 37, Ill.



## A PICTURE SUMMER?

*Pictures* — movies, filmstrips, slides — will help *you* during your summer program in — Vacation Church School sessions, youth programs, camps and conferences or elsewhere.

*New Releases* —

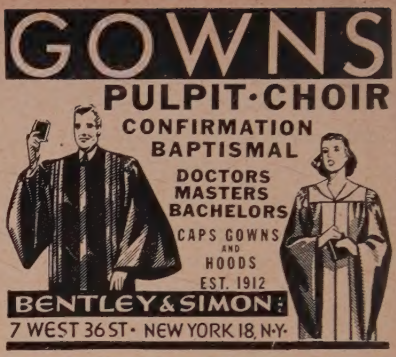
*Kyoto Story,* our American Board work in Japan.
30 minutes. Sound color movie. $5 or an offering.

*We Would Be Building,* new churches for America's needs, as built by our Board of Home Missions. Introduction by Dr. Truman Douglass.
20 minutes. Sound color movie. $5 or an offering.

*Daybreak,* Church World Service release made for our use to show displaced persons in Europe.
30 minutes. Black and white movie. $2.50.

Write The Department of Visual Aids, Rev. Alexander B. Ferguson, Director, 287 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y., for helps, catalogs, advice.





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